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In re PATENT APPLICATION of

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Title: NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCES ENCODING HISTIDINE KINASE FROM *CORYNEBACTERIUM*
GLUTAMICUM

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AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.312

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Sir:

Prior to payment of the issue fee, the applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and remarks.